

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee**

**Thursday, October 29, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.**

Chairs Paulson and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Janel Brandtjen, Bill Zaborowski, and Pauline Jaske. Kathleen Cummings arrived at 1:03 and Gilbert Yerke arrived at 1:04 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Michael O'Brien, Dr. Peter Geiss; and Supervisor Duane Paulson, Jim Jeskewitz, Janel Brandtjen, and Pauline Jaske. **Absent:** Citizen Members Joe Vitale, Flor Gonzalez, and JoAnn Weidmann, and Supervisor Paul Decker.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Director Cathy Bellovary, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Adult Protective Services (APS) Supervisor Pat Mireles, APS Social Worker Jeff Stuberg, Juvenile Services Supervisor Terry Cook, ADRC Supervisor Jan Sanchez, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, Delores Ocampo -Brown of Carroll University, Clerk Typist II Joanne Smith, Juvenile Services Social Workers Carla Rodriguez and Carlos Manriquez, and Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes 10-2 and 10-15**

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of October 2, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Zaborowski to approve the minutes of October 15, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Cummings arrived at 1:03 p.m.

#### **Correspondence**

- Volunteer H1N1 Clinic Support Opportunity

#### **Legislative Update**

Krahn said a new State mental health parity bill mandates insurance coverage for AODA treatment. This is likely an effort to pay for these services resulting from tougher DUI penalties which are also being considered.

Yerke arrived at 1:04 p.m.

#### **Executive Committee Report 10-19**

Paulson advised that the Executive Committee, at their last meeting, approved the ordinances, etc. that were included in the last yellow packet.

## **Board Agenda Items**

### **Approve Minutes of 7-23 and 9-24**

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of July 23, 2009. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Geiss moved, second by Brandtjen to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Presentation on St. Coletta's Transportation Program for the Developmentally Disabled (Farrell)
- Public Health/H1N1 Update (Geiss)

## **Combined Agenda Items**

### **Educational Presentation on Elder Abuse and Neglect**

Mireles distributed copies of "Elders and Adults at Risk" taken from the County's website and "Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County – 2008 Year End Report – Older Adult Community Services." Mireles advised there are a total of nine workers in this program area, two therapists and seven social workers. Much of their work is guided by State Statutes. Work may involve establishing guardianship or protective placement/protective services for those deemed incompetent and conservatorship for those deemed competent. Clients in this unit are age 18 and older and are either elder adults at risk or adults at-risk any adult that has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs his or her ability to care for their own needs and who has or may experience neglect, self neglect, some type of abuse, or financial exploitation. Most of their referrals come from the ADRC and others come from the court system through law enforcement. Investigations include client home visits and interviews, medical record reviews and reviews of any treatment plans. Their first goal is to determine whether they are safe in their current living arrangement and what, if any, services or intervention may be of assistance to them.

During 2008, 64 total cases of elders and adults at-risk of abuse and neglect were reported for Waukesha County residents. Of these, 57 were for older adults, a decrease of 30 or 34.5% from the 87 cases reported in 2007. Seven cases were adults at-risk, an increase of three or 75% from the four cases reported in 2007. Of the total reported older adult cases in 2008, 15 or 26.3% were substantiated compared to 29.9% in 2007. One or 14.3% of the adults at-risk cases was substantiated in 2008 compared to 75% in 2007. Self neglect was the most often reported type of abuse in 2008. The 22 reported cases represented 34.4% of all reported cases. Next most often reported was financial exploitation with 19 reported cases in 2008, 29.7% of all reported cases.

### **Mentoring Partnership with Carroll University**

Slesar noted this partnership will help all members of the community. Sanchez said in mid-2008 they started seeing numerous African American families moving to Waukesha. In 2008, out of the six youths placed in corrections, five were African American. After further study they found these individuals were not typically able to acclimate and were not aware of the resources available to them such as the library, YWCA, etc. Most are dealing with financial and food deprivation issues and most come from single parent homes. The commonality was that they were African Americans coming to Waukesha looking for something better for their families including a safe community.

To help these families, staff developed a mentoring program which led them to Carroll University with a goal of connecting these youths with mentors who are successful individuals to set academic goals and get them familiar with community resources.

The Youth to Discover (Y2D) Program included an earlier pilot program. They received positive feedback on the program from the youths, their families, and the mentors. Mentor enrollment has doubled and they have recently branched out to Latinos to help them with these same issues. Brown went on to discuss the mentors from Carroll University and some of their experiences with the program. Slesar indicated evidence has shown that mentoring is an effective practice to reduce recidivism. Manriquez spoke of personal experiences with being a Latino in Waukesha, attending Carroll University and feelings of not fitting in. He noted this is a prevention program and catching negative behavior early is key. Slesar discussed what is known as disproportionate minority contact (DMC): an initiative at the federal level to look at why certain groups are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. DMC is what got this program started. Slesar said the program basically teaches one how to survive in a community where they are a minority.

### **Equal Access Group**

Slesar said the Equal Access Group was designed to address the County's changing population and that workforce has not kept up with these changes. As a department, they felt the need to focus more on that discrepancy which laid the groundwork for the Equal Access Group. Smith said the group began in the fall of 2007 to address equal and fair treatment of minorities. A committee was formed with 21 human services staff members from all divisions to bring these issues to the forefront in the hopes of resolving them. Four subcommittees were formed which included training, translation, communications, and intranet. Fundraising efforts have helped raise \$400 so far for training purposes and staff will be able to attend an ethics and boundaries workshop in the near future. Staff have discovered they can save costs by translating their forms in-house and that proofreading can also be done in-house by bi-lingual staff. Each subcommittee has a list of goals they wish to accomplish as a group.

### **Board Agenda Item**

#### **Mental Health Advisory Committee By-Law Changes**

DeMares distributed copies of the Mental Health Advisory (MHA) Committee's by-laws. The changes reflect the move of Long Term Care to Family Care and the dissolution of the Community Options Program (COP) Committee. While the vast majority of COP funding went to Family Care, about \$600,000 of COP money, related to the mental health subgroup, remains. According to State rules there needs to be an oversight committee appointed by the County Board Chair to monitor the activities of the COP Program (\$600,000). The County Board Chair has moved that responsibility to the MHA Committee because it is mental health related and, therefore, makes sense. This change has been added to page I-3 of the by-laws and DeMares asked the board to consider this change.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Brandtjen to approve the Mental Health Advisory Committee by-law change on page I-3. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Community Options Program Oversight Subcommittee Membership**

DeMares discussed his handout outlining new rules for membership on the COP Oversight Committee which reflects that this committee is now mental health related only. Minimum

membership will include a consumer representative receiving mental health COP related services, a County elected official, an appointed Health & Human Services Board member, a Health & Human Services Department representative, and a Health & Human Services administrator/supervisor having COP program responsibility.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Geiss to approve the minimum membership requirements as outlined in the handout but that the last paragraph be deleted because it is redundant of the first paragraph.

Brandtjen left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Appointment of Dr. John Christianson**

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the appointment of Dr. John Christianson, M.D., to General Medicine, Infectious Diseases. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Geiss to adjourn the board meeting at 3:18 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Yerke to adjourn the committee meeting at 3:18 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes recorded by Mary Pedersen

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date